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Hanover, Michigan
March 5th, 1943.

Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Mr Warren:

Your name has been given to me, as a person deeply interested in material pertaining to our immortal Abraham Lincoln, so I am writing you about a pair of his suspenders given my mother, Elizabeth Ray by her Cousin Fred W. Dennis, who, when he was Atty. for J. P. Morgan, was an avid collector of historical materials. These are well authenticated, and a yellowed slip of paper, in a miniature antique trunk, shows they were purchased from one Wm. H. Herndon in — where they have reposed in this tiny trunk all these years. We doubt, they were

made by some one who deeply admired Mr. Lincoln for they are beautifully & intricately cross-stitched on canvas in "petit-point". Under a magnifying glass the design is in tiny red cherries and leaves. They are, indeed, a museum piece and I am sure someone will prize them as much as my Mother did. I have no heir & am nearing the end of Life's highway and so I would like to find a purchaser for them. If you or your friends are not interested, perhaps you would be kind enough to give me the address of someone who would like to own them, as I am far away from any museum. The U. of Mich. houses a large collection of Oriental art & jewellery from this same cousin, F. W. Stevens and I believe I can offer all the proof necessary regarding the purchasers.

Thanking you for any assistance you can offer I am

Very truly

(Mrs.) Edna Fay Tenney

March 10, 1943

Mrs. Edna P. Tenney
Hanover, Mich.

My dear Mrs. Tenney:

Thank you very much for calling to attention the Lincoln curio which you have but inasmuch as we have no room for displaying curios here we do not think we would care to acquire the item you have.

I would suggest that you write to the Chicago Historical Society, c/o Mr. Shattuck. They might be interested in the acquisition of the item.

Very truly yours,

LAW:vff
L.A.Warren

Director

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